road have been taken up and the narrow portions of Vettikadavu road from Palanji bazaar have been improved by side wall works.

(c) Does not arise in view of answers to (a) and (b).

Labour Ward in Kunnamkulam Hospital—construction of.

3. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 54 dated 23rd January 1934, what steps have been taken to finish the work before the end of the year 1109; (Construction of a Labour Ward for Kunnamkulam Hospital)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work has been given on contract and it is expected that it will be finished before the end of the current year.

Masonry drain—Pazhanji Bazaar.

4. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to the answer to question No. 2 dated 22nd January 1934, will the Government be pleased to inform whether any further action has been taken to carry out the request made to the P. W. D. by the Cochin Road Board? (Masonry Drains—Pazhanji Bazaar).

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This was among the list of works placed before the Board meeting on 16th Medam 1109 for selecting the works for 1110; but the Board did not recommend it to be included in the 1110 budget for want of funds.

Spread of leprosy in Kunnamkulam—control—proposals for.

5. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answers including those given to supplementary questions:—

(a) whether the Director of Public Health has been asked to submit proposals as to what further should be done in his opinion to control spread of leprosy in Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether a copy of his proposals be printed and placed on the table; and state

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The relevant extract from his report is given below:—"The only possible remedy to stop the spread of the disease is by segregating the patients and necessary accommodation and provision have to be made to segregate all such patients if at all an attempt in that direction is to be made".

(c) What is recommended by the Director of Public Health is being followed even now, so far as possible.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(c) May I know how it has been followed even now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is the Leper Hospital.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there a Hospital there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are the Government quite sure?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there a Hospital to accommodate patients?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—A leper Hospital at Kunnamkulam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. At Adur.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many lepers have been taken from Kunnamkulam to Adur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know the exact number that have been taken. But persons who come there for treatment are accommodated there provided there is space.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the total number of patients in the Leper Asylum?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About 300.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What statistics the Government have got about the total number of patients (lepers) in the State now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not got any figures.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Approximately?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It must be much larger than 300.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How many more persons can be accommodated there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is absolutely full.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are not patients given injections at Kunnamkulam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. There is an out-patient dispensary there.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If as you say the Hospital is full, how can you carry out the suggestion of the Director of Public Health?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The very existence of the Hospital is a way of carrying out the suggestions of the Director. You have more patients and han't got sufficient accommodation.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Therefore how do you put it into practice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have only accommodation for 300 and to that extent it is being done.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So the Government have not fully accepted the recommendation of the Director?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. But that is all we can do at present.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—His recommendations should be put into practice The Government have added "so far as possible." Subject to this the Government have accepted the reccommendations. Is it not so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is absolutely clear to me as well as to the rest of the House, I believe. The principle of segregation has been accepted and it is the only way to deal with this disease. To the question whether accommodation can be had for more patients, the answer is obviously "No." Therefore the phrase "so far as possible" was added.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what is the most important cause of this disease?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Contagion with lepers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How does it originate?

(No answer).

South Bazaar road—Kunnamkulam.

6. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to the answer to question No. 333, dated 23rd March 1934:—

(a) whether the acquisition is completed; and if not

(b) at what stage it is;

(c) what steps have been taken to utilise the amount in full and open the road before the end of the current year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) The draft declaration for the acquisition of sites has been published.

(c) The acquisition will be finished before the year is out. The road work can be started only after the sites are taken possession of.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(c) What steps have been taken to utilise the amount in full and open the road before the end of the current year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question has been answered there. I don't know what the supplementary question is.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is, what steps have been taken by the Government to utilise the amount in full before the end of the current year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The amount required to that extent of the acquisitions will be utilised. Nothing further can be done before the land is bought. No further interpretations and commentaries are required.

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